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| INTERNATIONAL APPLICATION NO. PCT/EP2004/008490 | | U.S. APPLICATION NO. (If known see 37 C.F.R. 1.5) 10/567656 |
| INTERNATIONAL FILING DATE 29 July 2004 | | PRIORITY DATE CLAIMED 9 August 2003 |
| TITLE OF INVENTION JOINT-SITE STRUCTURE FOR A FRICTION WELDING METHOD AND METHOD FOR PRODUCIGN SAID STRUCTURE | | |
| APPLICANT(S) FOR DO/EO/US Bernhard JUTZ, et al. | | |

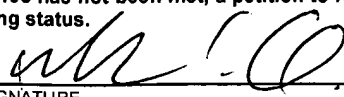
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 - d. ☒ have not been made and will not be made.
8. ☐ An English language translation of the amendments to the claims under PCT Article 19 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(3)).
9. ☐ An oath or declaration of the inventor(s) (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(4)).
10. ☐ An English language translation of the annexes to the International Preliminary Examination Report under PCT Article 36 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(5)).

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13. ☒ A preliminary amendment.
14. ☒ An Application Datasheet under 37 CFR 1.76.
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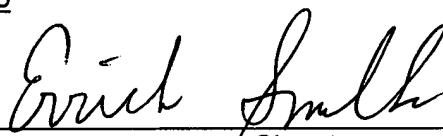
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- Transmittal Letter to the U.S. Designated/Elected Office Concerning a Filing Under 35 U.S.C 371 (2 pages);
- Copy of Int. Patent Application PCT/EP2004/008490 w/ Int. Search Report (18 pages);
- Translation of Int. Patent Application PCT/EP2004/008490 (9 pages);
- Two (2) Sheets of Drawings;
- First Preliminary Amendment (8 pages);
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LETTER RE: PRIORITY

Sir:

Applicants hereby claim priority of German Application Serial No. DE 103 36 668.7,
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